

Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative



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Welcome

Public Input Session 4 (Smithtown) & 5th (Islip/Brookhaven)

- Attendees- 133 (4th), 233 (5th)
- Speakers-37 (4th), 60 (5th)
- 13 (4th) 12 (5th)
- Written transcripts will be provided for the 4th and 5th public listening sessions by Monday, December 7th Transcripts
- Next Public Input Listening Session-December 9th 6:00pm

Task Force Website:

- All five Public Listening Session videos are posted
- All task Force Presentations posted

Meetings with Stakeholder organizations

- **Suffolk County African American Advisory Board**- 8 members
- **Axis Church**-Anthony Pelella-
- **Assemblyman Phil Ramos**
- **Minority Millennials**- 16 members

Upcoming

- **LI United to Transform Policing & Community Safety (CPE)**
- **SC Hispanic Advisory Board**
- **LI United**
- **LI Advocates for Police Accountability**

Subcommittees

- - **Training and Staffing/ Community Policing**
 - **Traffic Stops**
 - **Arrests/Warrants**
 - **Police Systems Accountability/Body Cameras**
 - **Mental Health Response**
- **Subcommittee Meeting Framework – subcommittee meetings will be guided and organized through the following framework:**
 - 1. **Discussion Title/Topic**
 - 2. **NYS Guidance document reference (EO 203)**
 - 3. **Summation of previous discussions and questions**
 - 4. **Previously shared research and resources**
 - 5. **Is additional data needed for review?**
 - 6. **Review of topic-specific Suffolk County, regional and national best practices and policies**
 - 7. **Concluding suggestions/recommendations based on subcommittee census**

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Mental Health

Police Response



How do police spend their time? A recent study of police response in 10 jurisdictions revealed the following:

- 4% - response to Part 1 violent crime
 - ❑ Homicide, Robbery, Rape, Aggravated Assault
- 15% - response to “law enforcement” incidents
- Large % of remaining incidents are law enforcement’s biggest challenges and are “public health” in nature
 - ❑ Mental health crisis, addiction, homelessness
 - ❑ Many are very complicated situations
 - ❑ If these situations go ‘sideways’ the result will likely be significant scrutiny. “Should your agency have been able to identify an issue with the individual earlier?” “Was your agency’s actions in previous encounters appropriate?”

Person with Mental Illness



- As of Nov 30,2020 SCPD responded to **4,227** Mental Health Incidents
- Approx. **91%** (3,808) resulted in a transport to CPEP (2 officers are needed to conduct the transport)
- During this time period, there were over 20 individuals with more than 5 mental health incidents. The highest being:
 - Jane Doe #1 with 27 incidents
 - John Doe #1 with 11 incidents

Person with Mental Illness



- **John Doe #1**
 - ❑ 58 entries in PD records
 - ❑ 17 total Psychiatric Transports
 - ✓ 14 in 2020
 - ❑ 2 arrests in 2020 for criminal mischief
- **John Doe #2**
 - ❑ 200 entries in PD records
 - ❑ 22 total Psychiatric Transports
 - ✓ 8 in 2020
 - ❑ 61 aided cases in total with 22 in 2020

Person with Mental Illness



- **John Doe #3 (13 year old juvenile)**
 - ❑ 73 entries in PD records
 - ❑ 13 total Psychiatric Transports
 - ❑ Multiple school incidents
 - ❑ Involved in multiple burglaries
- **Jane Doe #2**
 - ❑ 260 entries in PD records
 - ❑ 24 Aided Cases with 4 in July 2020
 - ❑ 20 PMI incidents with 1 in June and 3 in July 2020
 - ❑ Multiple arrests: robberies, prostitution, drugs

911 Callers



- Jane Doe #3
 - ❑ 2,152 entries in PD records
 - ❑ In 2020, 255 police reports were prepared as a result of 911 call activity
 - ✓ She made a total of 654 calls to SCPD
 - ❑ No significant PMI history; however, she was recently committed.
 - ❑ Estimate - 84 patrol hours were dedicated to response to Jane Doe #3

911 Callers



- **John Doe #4**

- ❑ In 2020, he called 911 a total of 227 times
- ❑ 205 reports were generated in 2020 (as of 10/7/20)
- ❑ 235 of the 312 PD entries were from 2019 to Oct 2020
- ❑ Majority of the calls reviewed pertain to a complaint of smell in the area.

John Doe #5

- ❑ In 2020, he called 911 a total of 227 times
- ❑ 2,001 entries in PD records with 150 in 2020 (as of 10/7)
- ❑ He is a veteran with PMI history.

Mental Illness Calls for Service



Suffolk County Police Department Reported Persons with Mental Illness Incidents from Jan. 1, 2016 to Nov. 30, 2020

	2016	2017	2018	2019	YTD Nov. 30, 2020	Grand Total
PMI-NO PSYCH TRANSPORT	517	460	547	525	419	2,468
PMI-PSYCH TRANSPORT	4,147	4,387	4,818	5,032	3,808	22,192
Grand Total	4,664	4,847	5,365	5,557	4,227	24,660
Source: IRS 12/03/20						

Person with Mental Illness



- In 2020, were 27 mental health incidents reported to SCPD by SOCR West (a NYS Mental Health facility in Kings Park)
 - ❑ Should this be a police issue?
 - ❑ Is there another entity better suited to address this crisis?
 - ❑ From a mental health facility to a hospital psychiatric unit?

Crisis Intervention Training



- **Goals of the CIT Program**

- Ensure that law enforcement has the knowledge, skills and support to De-escalate situations & provide those individuals with the appropriate response and care that they need.
- Minimize the times that law enforcement are the first responders to citizens in emotional distress.
- Increase community safety
- Provide Police with the tools to properly handle mental health crisis
- Make the Mental Health System more understandable & accessible

Crisis Intervention Training



- Collaborative effort by the following organizations:
 - NYS Office of Mental Health
 - NYS division of Criminal Justice Services
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
 - Mental Health Association in NYS, (MHANYS)
 - Institute for Police, Mental Health, & Community Collaboration
 - Family Service League
 - Individual community members
 - Various Law Enforcement Agencies throughout NYS
- DASH (Diagnosis Assessment Stabilization Hub) constructed and put into operation to assist in providing an additional resource to the community when criteria for committal in CPEP is not met; admission to DASH is voluntary.
 - Police and Mental Health Professionals collaborated and met weekly during this new initiative
 - Meetings still held on a monthly basis to continue the commitment to working together

Crisis Intervention Training



- 5-day CIT training for Officers
- As of December 3, 2020 the Suffolk County Police Department has held 8 CIT training programs and certified 153 SCPD and 24 Associated Agency officers.
- Police Academy instructors attended an additional “train-the-trainer” session in Albany, New York to further expand their understanding of the program and become certified CIT instructors.
- This training is in addition to the training on Mental Health Officers receive in the Police Academy.

DASH – Diagnosis Assessment Stabilization Hub



DASH tracks when a mobile crisis team calls 911 for police to respond to a location in order to transport a client to **CPEP** (Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program):

- In 2019, MCT called police **179** times
- In 2020 (through Sept), MCT called police **115 times**
- 70% of these transports to CPEP resulted in hospitalization.

*These totals do not include instances when a mobile crisis team calls police to accompany on a well check when there is a potential risk of violence.

Instances when DASH calls PD to transport someone from DASH to CPEP:

- 2019 total (only began tracking in Sept, 2019): **18**
- 2020 total (as of Oct): **34**

Mobile Crisis Team



Current Mobile Crisis Team staffing levels:

- Weekdays: 2 overlapping teams from 11AM to 7PM and 12PM to 8PM
- Weekends: 1 team from 12PM and 8PM

Teams are typically comprised of 2 staff members:

- 1 Social Worker
- 1 Certified Peer

Mobile Crisis Team

Appendix B

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program Development Project: Systems Map of Community Crisis Response & Law Enforcement Interface

